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SUBJ: SWISS THOUGHTS CONCERNING REPRESENTATION AT

PHNOM PENH

REF: A) JAKARTA 9935 B) PHNOM PENH 10297 (NOTAL)

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR AT JAKARTA MAX FELLER, WHO IS ALSO AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO PHNOM PENH, RECENTLY ASKED US IF DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR SWANK INDICATED THAT USG WAS REDUCING LEVEL OF ITS REPRESENTATION IN PHNOM PENH IN ORDER TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS WITH SOME SUCCESSOR TO LON NOL GOVERNMENT. ALSO ASKED IF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN GENERAL WERE EVACUATING PHNOM PENH AND WHETHER OR NOT ANY DEPENDENTS

WERESTILL IN TOWN. ACTING DCM REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR SWANK'S DEPARTURE CAME AT END OF NORMAL TOUR OF DUTY AND TIMING MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY DATE OF ASSUMING HIS NEW DUTIES. ADDED THAT WHILE SOME DIPLOMATS LEFT PHNOM PENH FOR SUMMER VACATIONS AND SOME DEPENDENTS WERE EVACUATED, THERE HAD BEEN NO MASS EXODUS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND NONE WAS EXPECTED.

2. AS FELLER HAD ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED ON

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PHNOM PENH SITUATION, ACTING DCM TOLD HIM SUBSTANCE OF REF

B, NOTING PARTICULARLY PARA 5 INDICATIONS OF INCREASED
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3. FELLER THANKED US AND SAID HE HAD BEEN SEEKING
POLITICAL DEAPRTMENT'S PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO PHNOM PENH AND
PRESENT HIS LETTERS. DEPARTMENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO AWAIT
CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION. HE THOUGHT THAT
IF GKR MILITARY SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF LON NOL
GOVERNMENT DO NOT DETERIORATE, HE WOULD SOON BE AUTHORIZED
TO PROCEED, WHICH HE WAS PERSONALLY EAGER TO DO.
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